

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

**Safety & Operations Council
November 15, 2019**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested. This item is for information and presentation only.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

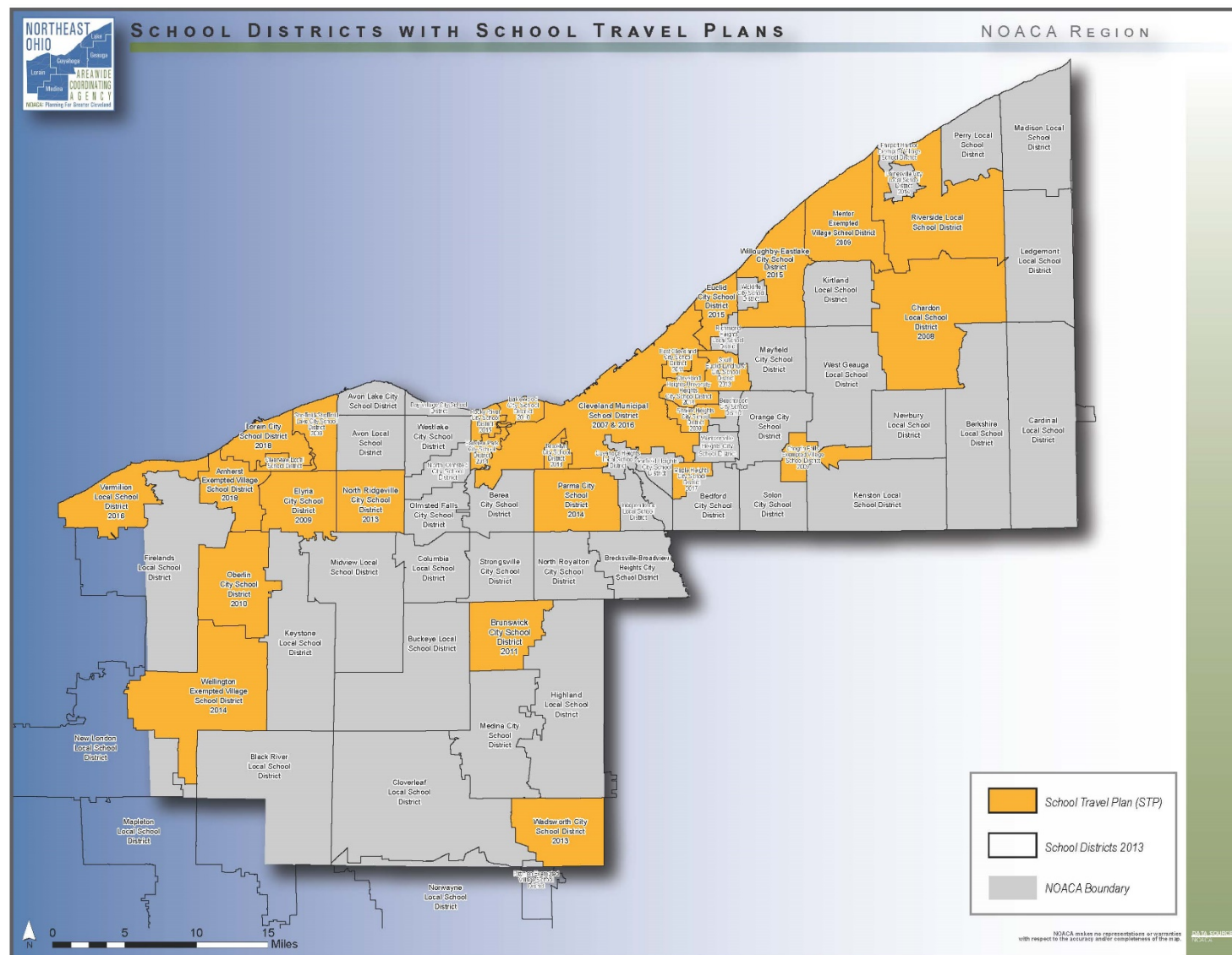
BACKGROUND



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an international, national and state program focusing on improving safety, access, and conditions for kids and families to walk and bike to school.

- Planning, infrastructure, and non-infrastructure are supported
- ODOT awards up to \$4 million annually for K-8 schools
- Resources include education, training, and support material

BACKGROUND



- **72 Districts** representing 799 Public & Non-Public Schools
- **28 with STPs** developed representing 168 Schools
- **Over \$10 million dollars** awarded to NOACA communities between 2007-2018



BACKGROUND

Basic NOACA SRTS Assistance

- Represent on school travel plan (STP) development, update and implementation teams;
- Assist with Schoolpool and NOACA Street Supplies program implementation;
- Encourage participation in the Northeast Ohio Safe Routes to School (NEO SRTS) Coalition;
- Promote safety, implementation and planning workshops and training;
- Share information through SRTS NOACA communication; and
- Support ODOT Safe Routes to School and other funding applications.



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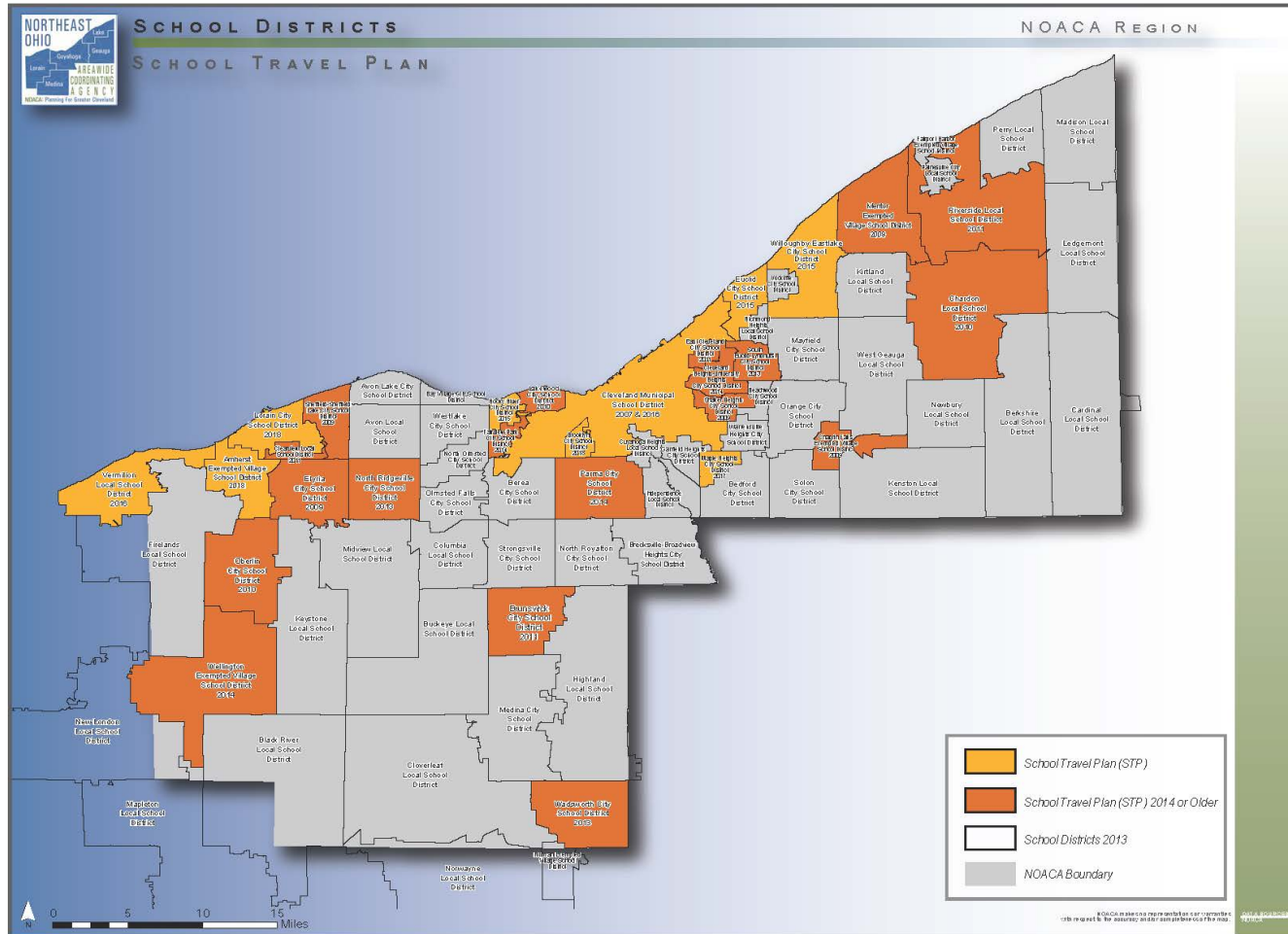
Enhanced assistance may include:

- Assist with specific STP development or update elements;
- Facilitate stakeholder and public meetings;
- Lead development of STP and submit to Ohio Department of Transportation for approval.

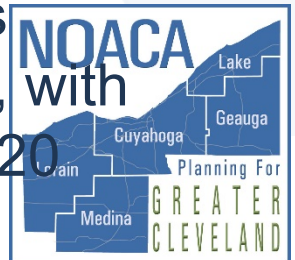


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Safe Routes to School Assistance Program - Update



- Four communities developing new SRTS School Travel Plans in 2019
- Map reflects school districts with STPs 5 years or older – updates needed to maintain ODOT application requirements
- Rocky River, Euclid and Willoughby-Eastlake are in last year of eligibility
- Schoolpool pilot programs implemented in 2 schools, with expansion expected in 2020



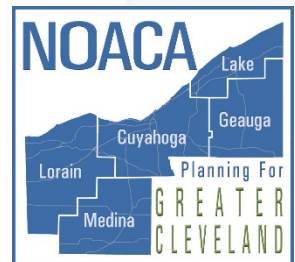
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- Application round is open January 6 – March 6, 2020 (tentative)
- **MAJOR CHANGE:** Communities requesting ODOT School Travel Plan consultant assistance must submit an application during the round
- NOACA can provide application support (crash & proximity maps, support letters)
- **Informational Webinar hosted by ODOT/LTAP:**

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 2-3pm

To Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/594956447243427610>



BACKGROUND

**Thank
you!**

How to be involved:

- Share! Pass along information to your school and community networks.
- Stay in touch with the NEO SRTS Forum.
- Contact Kate with contact and program information kmoening@mpo.noaca.org (216) 241-2414 x285.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to update and engage the council regarding SRTS planning initiatives



NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

